

# **A G E N D A**

## **Community Advisory Commission**

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**September 7, 2005**  
Milpitas City Hall Committee Meeting Room  
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.  
7:00 p.m.

- I. Roll Call:** Joselito Abelardo, Philip Cook, Arsenio Iloreta, Chris Lee, Jenifer Lind, Nestor Luna, Syed Mohsin, Marie Pham, and Craig Ranker  
Alternates: Danny Fang, Michael Queenan, Nelson Villegas, and Reena Choudhury
- II. Seating of Alternates:**
- III. Pledge of Allegiance:**
- IV. Approval of Agenda:**
- V. Approval of Minutes:** August 3, 2005
- VI. Announcements:**
- VII. Citizen's Forum:**

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Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on any subject not on tonight's agenda. Speakers are asked to supply their name and address for the record. Each person wishing to speak on an item before the CAC at a regular or special meeting shall be permitted to be heard once for a maximum of three minutes. Commissioners cannot respond to issues brought forward, but may request that the matter be placed on the agenda of a future meeting.

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### **VIII. Liaison Reports**

- A. City Council Report** Councilmember Polanski

### **IX. Public Hearing**

*Members of the audience are invited to address the Commission on these items. Speakers must come to the podium, state their name and address for the record, and limit their remarks to three minutes.*

#### **A. Review of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Priorities for FY 2006- 2008**

In January 1998, the City Council established the policy of reviewing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding Priorities every two years. The last time funding priorities were adopted by Council was October 21, 2003. The next CDBG funding cycle will be in February 2006. In accordance with HUD guidelines, the City of Milpitas has used its CDBG funding allocation for Public Services (typically, non-profit organizations offering services which predominately benefit lower income households) and Non-Public Services (other funding

categories including housing activities). During the next fiscal years 2006-2008, the City of Milpitas anticipates to receive \$670,000 in CDBG funds.

Since October 2003, the following priorities have been established:

Public Service

1. Senior Services
2. Youth Teen Services
3. Homeless Sheltering / Services
4. Child Care
5. Battered Women Sheltering/Services

Non-Public Service

1. Home repair/Rehabilitation
2. Affordable Housing
3. Rental Apartment Rehabilitation

Since becoming a CDBG Entitlement City in 1997, the CDBG programs, services and activities has been extremely beneficial in assisting Milpitas very low to moderate-income residents on the priorities identified above. Furthermore, Milpitas has received positive feedback from HUD on meeting its goals and objectives outlined in the five-year Consolidated Plan (2002-2007). Given the success of the existing priorities, staff recommends maintaining the existing priorities for the next two years (2006-2008), with two policy exceptions.

During the last CDBG funding cycle, FY 2005-06 the following issues arose:

1. The City's Recreation Assistance Program received less funding than the previous year due to HUD's reduced funding. At the April 19, 2005, CDBG funding allocation public hearing, the City Council expressed a desire to maintain a permanent CDBG funding source for City programs.
2. Recently, it has been brought to staff's attention, by Project Sentinel, the City's Fair Housing provider, that Milpitas provides the least amount of funds to support Fair Housing & Tenant/landlord activities. Several cities in Santa Clara County provide funding for Fair Housing Services from a portion of their Redevelopment Agency 20% Low-Income Housing Set-Aside Funds.

For the past 6 years, we have funded Fair Housing activities out of CDBG General Program Administration at a level of \$15,000. According to a survey, at \$15,000, the City of Milpitas provides the least funding for Fair Housing activities in Santa Clara County. The next smallest allocation is the City of Gilroy at \$40,000.

To address these concerns, staff recommends the following two changes to the CDBG policies:

- Reserve 25% annually of the Public Services funding (public services cap is 15% of total grant) to be allocated to City programs & services only. This would ensure that City Programs are funded accordingly, and thus reducing General fund expenditures.
- Staff recommends that in addition to the \$15,000, an annual allocation of \$10,000 from the Redevelopment Agency 20% Low-Income Housing Set-Aside Fund be used to fund Fair Housing and Tenant /Landlord Services. Staff is recommending authorization from the City Council/Redevelopment Agency to utilize \$10,000 of RDA 20% Low-Income Housing Set-Aside funds annually for Fair Housing & Tenant/Landlord activities.

On October 4, 2005, the CAC recommendations on the CDBG Program Funding Priorities will be forwarded to the City Council for their review.

**Recommendations:**

1. Open the Public Hearing.
2. Take public testimony.
3. Close the Public Hearing.
4. Recommend that the City Council maintain the current established funding priorities for FY 2006-2008 with two policy changes: 1) annually reserve 25% of Pubic Services money to fund City programs only.
5. City Council/Redevelopment Agency authorize the use of \$10,000 annually to fund Fair Housing/Tenant Landlord activities.

**X. New Business**

**A. Subcommittee/Task Force Status Reports**

- Neighborhood Preservation (Lee, Mohsin, Queenan, and Luna)
- National Night Out (Lee and Queenan)

**Recommendation:** Discussion only, no action needed.

- B. Status of Heritage Tree Ordinance.** The presentation by Carol Randisi, Tree and Landscape Senior Supervisor, on the status of the Heritage Tree Ordinance will be delayed to next month's meeting due to her illness.

**Recommendation:** Discussion only, no action needed.

- C. Status of Philip Cook.** Discuss status of Philip Cook on the CAC. The pertinent section of the CAC Bylaws is as follows:

**Section 3. Term of Office and Removal**

The term of office for the Community Advisory Commission members will be four years, or until reappointed or a successor is appointed. The term of office for alternates is two years or until reappointed or a successor is appointed. Members and alternates are expected to attend all meetings. When any member or alternate has three or more unexcused absences in a 12-month period, the Commission shall forward this information to the City Council for review and

possible removal of the member or alternate from the Commission. Any member or alternate of the Community Advisory Commission may be removed from office by a majority vote of the City Council at a regularly scheduled Council meeting.

**Recommendation:** Request the City Council to take appropriate action pursuant to the CAC Bylaws.

**XI. Adjournment to October 5, 2005**

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